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In re Application of GO	:	
U.S. Application No.: 10/030,199	:	
PCT Application No.: PCT/DE98/00694	:	
Int. Filing Date: 10 March 1998	:	DECISION
Priority Date Claimed: 19 March 1997	:	
Attorney Docket No.: (none)	:	
For: MOTOR VEHICLE STEERING COLUMN	:	
AND SEAT BELTS WITH A PROTECTION	:	
DEVICE	:	

This is in response to applicant's letter filed 29 August 2003, which is being treated as a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

BACKGROUND

On 10 March 1998, applicant filed international application PCT/DE98/00694, which claimed priority of an earlier Germany application filed 19 March 1997. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 24 September 1998. The twenty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 19 November 1998.

On 09 July 1999, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was not accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 28 August 2002, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909), which indicated that the application is abandoned as to the United States for failure to pay the requisite basic national fee.

On 26 September 2002, applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

On 17 July 2003, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 26 September 2002 petition.

On 29 August 2003, applicant filed the present renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

DISCUSSION

The renewed petition states that applicant previously made a request to open a deposit account. However, the deadline for submitting national stage papers in the United States was 19 November 1998. As shown in applicant's Exhibit A4, applicant's application for a deposit account was not received until 10 September 1999. Furthermore, a review of the application file reveals that applicant's national stage papers for the present application were not received until 09 July 1999. Therefore, applicant did not supply the required basic national fee in a timely manner. Applicant may wish to file a petition to revive the abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137 along with the appropriate petition fee.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is DISMISSED without prejudice.

If reconsideration on the merits of the petition is desired, a proper response must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181".

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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